

In the Specification:

Please amend the specification as follows:

Page 1, after the title insert:

CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

The application claims priority to Swedish patent application 0201424-9 filed 13 May 2002 and is the national phase under 35 U.S.C. § 371 of PCT/SE03/00739 filed 8 May 2003.

Page 5, third paragraph:

The object set up is achieved, according to a first aspect of the invention, in that a device ~~of the kind described in the preamble to claim 1 comprises the special features that~~ where each auxiliary electrode is provided with a guide rail designed such that the arc, via the guide rails and under the influence of the generated inherent magnetic field, moves into the main electrode gap, each of the two guide rails having a length that is larger than the width of the auxiliary spark gap, that the auxiliary electrodes are arranged such that they are protected from the effect of plasma formed in the main spark gap and that a hermetic enclosure encloses the main spark gap and the auxiliary spark gap.

Page 10, fourth paragraph:

~~The preferred embodiments of the invented device described above are described in the claims depending from claim 1.~~

Paragraph bridging pages 10 and 11:

From a second aspect, the object set up is achieved ~~in that~~ with a method of the kind described in the preamble to claim 17 comprises the special measures that where the arc in the auxiliary spark gap, via guide rails under the influence of inherent magnetic forces, is brought to move into the main spark gap, in that the auxiliary electrodes are protected from the effect of plasma formed in the main spark gap, and in that the main spark gap and the auxiliary spark gap are enclosed in a hermetic enclosure.

Page 11, first paragraph:

According to preferred embodiments of the invented method, the method is carried out while utilizing the invented device ~~according to any of claims 1-16. This is described in the claim depending from claim 17.~~

Page 11, third paragraph:

The invented uses constitute applications of the invented device, where the utilization of its advantages is of great value. ~~These uses are described in claims 19 and 20.~~

Page 11, fourth paragraph:

The invented overvoltage protection device for a series capacitor exhibits the feature that it is provided with a device according to ~~any of claims 1-16~~ embodiments of the present invention. Since the invented device is of special interest as a component in such an overvoltage protection device, the invented overvoltage protection device implies that the advantages of the invented device are utilized in a field where these advantages are made use of to a great extent. ~~The overvoltage protection device is described in claim 21.~~